Increase in equity participation in Small Scale Sector

717. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the equity participation of the large and medium enterprises and foreign participation in the Small Scale Sector from the present level of 24 per cent to 49 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Participation from large and medium enterprises including foreign enterprises in the equity of small scale industrial units up to the level of 24 per cent was allowed by Government in August, 1991. This was primarily done to encourage the linkages between the large and medium industries and the small scale industries with the basic objective of promoting technology upgradation and modernisation of the small scale sector. Any further increase would depend on factors such as technology needs and the response so far received from the large and medium sector to the existing provision relating to equity participation.

Revival of Ashok Paper Mills

718. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to revive the Ashok Paper Mills at Hava Ghat in North Bihar, which is closed since ten years; and

(b) what are the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Ashok Paper Mill Kamgar Union had submitted a revival package in Supreme Court of India for re-opening of Ashok Paper Mills (Bihar Unit). On the directions of the Supreme Court, the revival package has been examined by the Government and a report was submitted to the Supreme Court in December, 1994 recommending that efforts may be made towards privatisation of the Mill. Hon'ble Supreme Court has also been requested to give suitable directions to the Government of Bihar for privatisation of the Mill.

Permission to Swedish Multinational to produce packaging paper

719. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to permit the Swedish Multinational giant, Tetra-Laval, to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary in India to produce laminated packaging paper in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that existing capacity of the Hindustan Packaging Company Limited (HPCL), a subsidiary of the NDDB, was grossly under-utilised; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for considering a proposal of a multinational company which has 20 per cent stake in HPCL to allow its wholly-owned subsidiary in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No proposal from M/s. Tetra Laval has been received for setting up wholly owned subsidiary in India. However, M/s. Alfa Laval (I) Ltd. have filed an IEM with SIA on 1.8.1994 for the manufacture of Re-inforced and Laminated Asceptic Packagig Material for Food Processing Industry for a capacity of 12,000 TPA.